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House Bill 817

(Prince George's County Delegation)

Economic Matters

Finance

Prince George's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Issuance of License Near a Place
of Worship or School
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This bill authorizes the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners to issue an alcoholic beverages license for an establishment that is within 500 feet of a place of worship or within 1,000 feet of a school building if a license of the same class had been issued and was (1) held by the same person seeking the new license and (2) in effect for the establishment before the place of worship or school building was built. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2024.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Prince George's County revenues increase by approximately \$2,305 annually beginning in FY 2025 from the issuance of one Class B beer, wine, liquor (BWL) license under the bill. Prince George's County can handle any additional enforcement activity using existing budgeted resources.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: Generally, in Prince George's County, the board may not issue an alcoholic beverages license for an establishment that is within 500 feet of a place of worship or within 1,000 feet of a school building, as specified. Alcoholic beverages licenses can be renewed if a place of worship or school is built within the prohibited distance after an establishment

was issued a license. However, if a license holder fails to renew a license in a timely manner, or a license otherwise expires, a subsequent license application would be treated as new by the board and the distance requirements from a place of worship or school building would apply.

Local Fiscal Effect: Prince George’s County estimates issuing one Class B BWL license under the bill. The Class B BWL license fee is \$2,305; therefore, Prince George’s County revenues increase by approximately \$2,305 annually beginning in fiscal 2025.

Additional Information

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: SB 66 (Senator Rosapepe) - Finance.

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